

Members of the Transport Committee:

I wish to express my concern regarding the taking of “facilities” by the Commissioner of Transportation and my support of HB 5640 regarding that action.

I am the owner of Collins Bus Service, a family owned business operating from South Windsor, CT for the past 103 years. This operation began with horses and wagons before any form of certification by the state was even considered. When it came time to operate under rules determined by the State of CT, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was applied for and granted and has been in effect since that time. For nearly 70 years that service has continued and now DOT wants to declare this license to carry passengers over a certain route to be “intangible property” and subject to seizure under eminent domain. Should this bill pass it could have wide reaching effects on many more businesses that operate or license their products under special authority.

Ours is not the only transportation company facing this type of treatment, and I for one, feel it to be in direct opposition to all state ruling in the recent years concerning keeping, helping, and growing business in the State of CT.

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